

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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April 25, 2014

Wendi Bowles, Treasurer Oxnard Educators Association

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RE: Warning Letter Re: FPPC Case No. 14/283; In the Matter of Oxnard Educators
Association and Wendi Bowles, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Bowles and Committee Members:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act ("Act") ¹, found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a referral from the County of Ventura that alleged you failed to file your committee's semiannual campaign disclosure statements.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you failed to file semiannual campaign statements on time for the following period(s):

- July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 (Due January 31, 2014)

Section 84200 of the Act provides that elected officers, candidates, and committees shall file semiannual campaign statements. Your actions violated the Act because you failed to file the aforementioned campaign statement(s) by the specified deadlines. However, because you have now filed the missing statement and have no prior violations, we are closing your case with this warning letter. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation. Although the FPPC is not seeking a penalty in the current matter, you will be responsible for any late filing fees assessed by your filing officer. (Section 91013.)

A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case

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proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the FPPC will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Although the FPPC is not seeking a penalty in the current matter, you are still responsible for any late filing fees assessed by your filing officer. (Section 91013.) The FPPC publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act. If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Please feel free to contact Adrianne Korchmaros at (916) 322-8241 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.



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cc: Danny Chavez, County of Ventura